



Challenge Cost Share Program

Introduction

The Challenge Cost Share Program (CCS) for the National Park Service (NPS) was legislated by Congress in Fiscal Year (FY) 1995. In FY96, Congress earmarked 1/3 of the total Challenge Cost Share funds appropriated to the NPS for use on National Scenic and Historic Trails, an earmark that continues. In FY97, appropriations language was included that allowed NPS areas to use base operating funds for CCS projects.

Early Program History

Beginning in 1995, funding for Lewis & Clark NHT from the regional CCS account has generally been in the \$40,000 per annum range. In FY98 CCS funding awarded by the Lewis & Clark NHT was increased to \$113,422. In FY99, Congress added \$175,000 to the Lewis & Clark NHT budget with the direction that those funds should be used for CCS projects

on the Lewis & Clark NHT - a total of \$214,735 was awarded. In FY00, Lewis & Clark NHT funding for CCS was approximately \$250,000. In FY01, Congress did not increase the base operating funds but did legislate funds especially earmarked for Lewis & Clark NHT for CCS.

Recent Developments

Until FY 2001, WASO, in accordance with the 1/3 earmark language, determined the national CCS appropriation dollar amounts and funds were distributed through the MWR. In FY2001 Congress designated \$3 million in NPS CCS funds specifically for Lewis & Clark NHT; no funds were received from the regional CCS account. Of that \$3 million, one project was

designated by Congress to receive \$2 million. In FY2002, FY2003, FY2004 and FY2005 Congress appropriated approximately \$5 million for projects on the Lewis & Clark NHT. Below is the funding provided from FY95 through FY05 on the Lewis & Clark NHT. The President's Request to Congress for 2006 is \$2.5 million for the Lewis & Clark NHT CCS Program.

Program Figures

FY	# of Requests	# Funded	Total Requested \$	Total CCS Funding \$	Total Partner Leverage \$	Ratio
FY95	13	11	103,022	62,632	97,332	1 : 1.55
FY96	15	9	194,479	70,348	130,005	1 : 1.85
FY97	15	6	111,002	41,438	143,996	1 : 3.47
FY98	28	19	202,496	113,422	330,366	1 : 2.91
FY99	24	23	266,466	213,301	520,613	1 : 2.44
FY00	48	39	665,542	711,295	1,335,244	1 : 1.88
FY01	106	85	4,097,956	3,048,401	6,579,648	1 : 2.16
FY02	338	143	34,140,554	4,900,962	11,316,330	1 : 2.31
FY03	239	134	20,430,596	4,803,991	32,075,862	1 : 6.68
FY04	188	122	15,313,082	4,669,784	18,140,782	1 : 3.88
FY05	142	103	11,229,022	4,747,730	18,856,129	1 : 3.97

Program Future

The Challenge Cost Program successfully helps organizations preserve the story and protect the resources of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Announcements regarding next year's program will begin in October 2005. Potential funding is announced following the President's signing of the budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Please

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